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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL REGARDING BLANDIANA WITH WRITERS UNION OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RECEIVED DIRECT CABLE FROM ENGLE. UNION WILLING WITH GREATEST RELUCTANCE ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY BUT POINT OUT THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO GUARANTEE BLANDIANA'S AVAILABILITY FOR 1974-75 PROGRAM. THEY REMAIN HOPEFUL ENGLE WILL RECONSIDER. (FYI - UNION PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE FACT THIS SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED DUE TO LATE SUBMISSION ROMANIAN NOMINATIONS. END FYI).

2. EMBASSY CONCERNED THAT FAILURE ACCEPT BLANDIANA CURRENT PROGRAM IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES HER NOMINATION REPRESENTS WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT LOSS VIS-A-VIS U.S.-ROMANIA CULTURAL INTERESTS OF IMPORTANT ROMANIAN LITERARY PERSONALITY. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INFORM ENGLE OUR APPRECIATION DIFFICULTIES VIS-A-VIS BLANDIANA BUT REQUEST HE RECONSIDER. WE RECOGNIZE VERY REAL LANGUAGE PROBLEM HERE BUT WISH TO REMIND THAT 1973 NOMINEE CEZAR BALTAG HAD SIMILAR DEFICIENCY (AS DID 1972 MARIN SORESCU) WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON PROGRAM'S CUMULATIVE RESULTS (WE HAVE, MOREOVER, ASSURANCES THAT POPESCU, WHO IS FULLY QUALIFIED TO DO SO, PREPARED ASSIST DURING EARLY DAYS). ADVISE.
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3. APPRECIATE EARLY DEPARTMENT ACTION POPESCU VISA REQUEST PER BUCHAREST 3938. EMBASSY CURRENTLY PLANNING TICKET POPESCU ABOARD PA 91 ON NOVEMBER 1 BUCHAREST-NEW YORK WITH ONGOING CONNECTIONS TO WASHINGTON SAME DAY. WASHINGTON-CHICAGO-CEDAR RAPIDS PORTION HIS TRAVEL SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 2. FIRM ETA FOLLOWS WHEN FORMALITIES COMPLETE.
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